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# THORBURN'S PRICE-LIST

1920



## POT-GROWN Strawberry Plants

READY EARLY IN JULY

**J. M. THORBURN & CO.**

53 Barclay Street through to  
54 Park Place

**NEW YORK**

# THORBURN'S POT-GROWN STRAWBERRY PLANTS

Pot-grown plants are more expensive than ordinary layer plants, but in the end they are cheaper. There is practically no danger of damage in transit, as the earth is securely packed around the roots of each individual plant. The year after planting the ordinary layer kind, the yield is only a partial one, whereas, with the pot-grown plants, practically a full crop is obtained the very next season. Another important point in favor of the pot-grown sorts is that transplanting does not retard their growth. We recommend the pot-grown plants and only offer varieties that are considered the best of the existing sorts.

## Cultural Directions

The Strawberry may be grown to perfection on any land that will produce a crop of potatoes, corn, peas, or other vegetables. Almost any soil will answer, unless it be dry sand or an undrained bed of muck, but the best results are obtained from a dark, rich, loose loam with a clay subsoil, well tilled. Strawberries should not be planted on newly plowed sod ground nor in land on which water remains after a rain. Such land bakes, and, consequently, the soil is coarse and lumpy. Usually the plants will continue to bear for five or six years, but the first and second crops are generally the best. Therefore it is the custom to plow up strawberry beds after they have borne from one to three crops. The better the land and the more intensive the cultivation, the shorter the rotation.

The plants should be set 15 inches apart, in rows 4 feet apart; 100 plants will set out 4 rows, 30 feet long. For horse cultivation they should be set 2 feet apart in rows 5 feet apart. Firm the plants well in the soil, keep thoroughly cultivated, and cut off all runners. In the middle of December cover the beds to a depth of 3 inches with salt meadow hay, straw, or leaves. In April, as soon as they show an indication of growth, push the covering away from the plants to allow them to come up through. This "mulching" protects the plants from the cold in winter and the heat in summer, keeps the fruit clean and prevents the growth of weeds.

The blossoms of Strawberries are either staminate (perfect flowering), or are destitute of stamens and are termed pistillate (imperfect flowering). Pistillate varie-

ties must have rows of some perfect-flowered sort, flowering at the same time, planted every 4 or 6 feet from them; or, better still, every third or fourth plant in the row, to pollenize their blossoms.

Pot plants will be ready for delivery early in July, and, if set out any time before the middle of September, will bear a full crop next season under ordinary favorable conditions. The earlier the plants are set out the larger they will grow and the larger crops they will produce next spring.

## Standard Varieties

PRICES, EXCEPT WHERE OTHERWISE QUOTED

Best quality, pot-grown plants, well rooted:

Per dozen of any one kind . . . . \$1.25

Per 100 of any one kind . . . . 7.00

Not less than 50 of any one variety at 100 rate

If ordered to be sent by parcel post, add postage at zone rates. Weight when packed, 1 dozen, 3 lbs.; 100, 24 lbs.

*See page 6 for prices of Fall-Bearing or  
"Everbearing" Varieties*

## EARLY

✓ **Early Jersey Giant** (Van Fleet No. 10). Preëminently the finest of the early varieties. It is brilliant scarlet-crimson in color, and exceptionally firm—by far the firmest of all early varieties. Berries very large, conical, with pointed tips, colors all over at once, has delightful aroma and rich, mild, wild Strawberry flavor; exceedingly showy and attractive. Blossoms large, open, rather late and staminate. Long, pliant stems and a heavy yielder. The largest and best very early variety. \$1.40 per doz., \$7.50 per 100.

✓ **Glen Mary.** Imperfect flowers. This superb variety is quite large, nearly round, and uniform in shape. Very productive. An excellent variety for both home and market growers, but we do not recommend planting it in the extreme South. This variety sometimes bears so few stamens that it is well to plant with staminate.

✓ **Success.** Perfect flowers. One of the earliest. The berries are beautiful in appearance, large, and colored a bright crimson. A vigorous grower, very productive. This is the best of the large early varieties for the home garden and nearby market.

## MIDSEASON

✓ **Barrymore.** Perfect flowers. This variety resembles Marshall, but is a more prolific bearer. Color rich, dark crimson; glossy surface; flesh deep red.

✓ **Brandywine.** Perfect flowers. An excellent tasting berry that will succeed on deep, rich soil. The fruit is large and handsome in appearance, roundish conical in shape, and colored a glossy crimson. A prolific sort with a long fruiting season.

✓ **Edmund Wilson.** A strikingly unique Strawberry—not a commercial variety. The plants resemble potato vines in size and vigor; the berries are very large. Form globular or bluntly heart-shaped, of deep maroon color, with smooth surface and quite firm. Very prolific. \$1.50 per doz., \$9 per 100.

✓ **Hundred Dollar.** A valuable midseason variety. The plant is a strong, vigorous grower, and among the most prolific. The berries average very large, the color is bright scarlet, and the quality mild, sweet, and luscious. It is not very firm—not firm enough for long shipment.

✓ **Pocomoke.** Supposed to be a seedling of the old Wilson crossed by the Sharpless. The berry is round, conical, and resembles the old Wilson but is much larger. One of the best varieties, not only for its enormous productiveness, but on account of its beauty, adaptability to all soils, its foliage, enduring the dry, hot weather, its large size, its deep color, its firmness and high flavor. It has perfect blossoms and is an enormous yielder of large red berries.

✓ **Marshall.** Perfect flowers. This is without a doubt the finest flavored berry, and this, coupled with its enormous size, has long since made it the standard fancy variety. Requires fertile soil and high culture.

✓ **McKinley.** Perfect flowers. The extra-large berries of this type are wonderfully sweet in flavor. A vigorous grower and a great yielder. The fact that the berries are only moderately firm, while prohibiting their being shipped to any great extent, makes them excellent for garden culture.

✓ **Sharpless.** Perfect flowers. The plant is exceedingly large and vigorous, quite free from rust or blight. It demands well-enriched soil and is one that will bring the home grower fine fruit.

✓ **Senator Dunlap.** Perfect flowers. Firm, delicious fruit; good size, and handsome in appearance; will ripen a good crop under almost any condition of drought or neglect. Midseason to late.

## MIDSEASON STRAWBERRIES, continued

**Wm. Belt.** Perfect flowers. This variety is known as the standard for high quality; its rather long, conical-shaped fruit is a brilliant glossy red. It is a heavy yielder and the berries ripen all over without green tips. Valuable either for home or market purposes. Begins to ripen early and continues bearing until almost the close of the season.

## LATE

**Chesapeake.** Perfect flowers. One of the best berries; very large and of fine form; as late as Gandy and in flavor ranks with Marshall and William Belt. Requires loam or clay-loam soil and high culture—will not succeed on thin sandy soil. \$1.40 per doz., \$7.50 per 100.

**Gandy.** Perfect flowers. A well-known standard market berry; handsome glossy crimson color, of fine form and flavor; rather acid. The plants are strong and compact growers and produce large-sized regular berries right up to the last picking. Should not be planted on dry, sandy soil, but it will thrive on practically every other kind of land. One of the best market sorts.

**Nick Ohmer.** Perfect flowers. The fruit is of very large size, dark, glossy red, of superior flavor. It is an excellent variety for home use or for market and is continually being used in exhibitions. Its fruiting season is very long. \$1.40 per doz., \$7.50 per 100.

**Joe** (Joe Johnson; Big Joe). A midseason to late variety, and very productive of very large, beautiful berries, with large bright green calyx. In flavor it is one of the best, is a perfect table and canning Strawberry, and a superior shipper. This most valuable Strawberry ripens with the Chesapeake, equals it in size, firmness and yield, surpasses it in color and flavor, but, unlike it, succeeds upon almost all soils, and under all conditions—hence it is more valuable.

**Lupton.** This valuable late variety is undoubtedly a seedling of the Gandy and is superior to it. Berries large, bluntly conical, bright flame-color, glossy and retain their color after picking. It is well high ideal in growth and vigor. \$1.40 per doz., \$7.50 per 100.

**Pearl.** The last of all to ripen of the late varieties. Berries are of colossal size, irregular, light scarlet in color. Good quality, but not very firm. Plant of robust habit and prolific. \$1.50 per doz., \$9 per 100.

**Steven's Late.** Perfect flowers. A new variety fruiting very late in the season, yielding large crops of fine berries.

*For prices on Berries not quoted, see page 3*



## EVERBEARING OR FALL-FRUITING STRAWBERRIES

Best quality, pot-grown plants, supply limited,  
\$1.50 per doz., \$9 per 100

**Advance.** In character it is somewhat like the Onward, with large, luscious, handsome berries that are freely produced.

**Forward.** The berries are larger than those of any other fall-bearing variety, are brighter in color, of superior quality and firm, are bright red and of excellent quality.

**Progressive.** Perfect flowers. One of the best fall-bearing sorts; strong grower; berries round, deep crimson. It begins to ripen with second-early sorts, keeping on bearing fruit until late fall. Very productive.

**Superb.** Perfect flowers. A healthy grower, making plants freely. The berries are a rich blood-red from surface to center. Yields fruits only on parent plants.

**BLACKBERRIES and RASPBERRIES** booked for  
delivery after October 1. Prices on application

## FREESIA

**Purity.** Mammoth-sized,  $\frac{3}{4}$  inch and up,  
40 cts. for 10      \$3.50 per 100      \$30 per 1,000.

## OXALIS

*Mailed free of postage in United States*

**Buttercup.** A splendid winter-blooming plant for pot culture, producing pure, bright yellow flowers in great abundance. A strong grower, easily cultivated; plant one or two bulbs in a 5- or 6-inch pot. 30 cts. for 10, \$2.50 per 100.

**Grand Duchesse, Lavender.** 25 cts. for 10, \$2 per 100.

**Grand Duchesse, Pink.** 25 cts. for 10, \$2 per 100.

**Grand Duchesse, White.** 25 cts. for 10, \$2 per 100.

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